

REMARKS

Receipt of the office action mailed August 14, 2008 is acknowledged. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 and 15-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Taniguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,987,949). Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Taniguchi et al. in view of Ahn (U.S. Patent No. 6,038,429). In keeping with the foregoing amendments and the following argument, reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

In response to the claim objections, both claim 19 and claim 34 have been canceled. Therefore, the objections are moot.

In accordance with an aspect of the disclosed example, a portable information communication device, for example, a personal digital assistance (PDA), serves as a relay between a transmitter for a microphone and a receiver for the microphone. Therefore, in areas where infrared signals communication is difficult, a communication between the transmitter for the microphone and the receiver for the microphone can be made.

Claim 4 has been replaced by new claim 35. Claim 35 is directed to a wireless microphone communication system and positively recites, in part, a receiver for a wireless microphone, the receiver having an infrared interface, a transmitter for a wireless microphone, the transmitter having an infrared interface, and a portable information communication device having an infrared interface. Through the infrared interface of the receiver, the infrared interface of the transmitter, and the infrared interface of the portable information communication device, information regarding the wireless microphone is transmitted from the receiver to the portable information communication device, and further is transmitted from the portable information communication device to the transmitter. The transmitter controls a function of the wireless microphone according to the information regarding the wireless microphone.

By comparison, Taniguchi does not disclose or even suggest such a system. Instead, Taniguchi appears to disclose only an infrared connection with the microphone. The reference does not disclose or suggest each of the wireless microphone, the receiver, and the portable information communication device having an infrared interface, and the reference does not teach or suggest transmitting the information regarding the microphone as claimed.

Further, the reference does not teach or suggest that the transmitter controls a function of the wireless microphone according to the information regarding the wireless microphone. The Ahn reference adds nothing of relevance. Accordingly, claim 35 is in allowable form.

Claims 5-18 depend from new claim 35, either directly or through intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 5-18 are also in allowable form.

Claim 19 has been replaced by new claim 36. Claim 36 is directed to a wireless microphone communication system and positively recites, in part, a receiver for a wireless microphone, a transmitter for a wireless microphone, and a portable information communication device, the receiver, the transmitter, and the portable communication device each having an infrared interface. Through the infrared interfaces of the receiver, the transmitter and the portable information communication device, reply request information is transmitted from the receiver to the portable information communication device and is transmitted from the portable information communication device to the transmitter. Upon receipt of the reply request information, the transmitter transmits to the portable information communication device reply information according to the reply request information, and the portable information communication device transmits the reply information to the receiver through the infrared interfaces of the transmitter, the receiver, and the portable information communication device.

By comparison, once again Taniguchi does not disclose or even suggest such a system. Instead, Taniguchi appears to disclose only an infrared connection with the microphone. The reference does not disclose or suggest each of the wireless microphone, the receiver, and the portable information communication device having an infrared interface, and the reference does not teach that, through the infrared interfaces of the receiver, the transmitter and the portable information communication device, reply request information is transmitted from the receiver to the portable information communication device and is transmitted from the portable information communication device to the transmitter. The reference further does not teach that, upon receipt of the reply request information, the transmitter transmits to the portable information communication device reply information according to the reply request information, and the portable information communication device transmits the reply information to the receiver through the infrared interfaces of the

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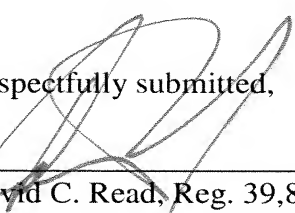
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transmitter, the receiver, and the portable information communication device. Once again, the Ahn reference adds nothing of relevance. Accordingly, claim 36 is in allowable form, as is dependent claim 20.

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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